

Appl. No. To Be Assigned  
Amtd. dated January 9, 2006  
Preliminary Amendment

PATENT

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

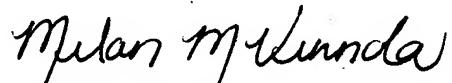
Claims 1-48 were pending in this application. Claims 3, 8, 10-12, 14, 16-17, 20, 23-24, 26, 30-33, 35, 38, 40, and 42 have been amended by way of the present amendment to remove multiple dependences. As such, it is submitted that no new matters enter by way of the present amendment. Hence, claims 1-48 remain pending and under consideration. Entry of the amendment prior to calculation of fees, and consideration of the subject application as amended is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,



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